

[0033] Additionally, the gel sealant 36 is preferably a liquid-extended polymer network. The polymeric component can be for example, a silicone, polyorgano siloxane, polyurethane, polyurea, styrene-butadiene and/or styreneisoprene block copolymers. The gel sealant 36 may also be formed from a mixture of such polymers. The gel sealant 36 may alternately comprise a foam or fabric impregnated with the gel. Examples of preferred sealant gels can be found in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,600,261, 4,716,183, 4,777,063, 4,864,725, and 4,865,905, European published patent application No. 204,427, International published patent applications Nos. WO 86/01634, and WO 88/00603, and commonly assigned U.S. Patent applications Ser. Nos. 317,703 filed Mar. 1, 1989, abandoned in favor of continuation-in-part application Ser. No. 07/488,806, filed Mar. 5, 1990, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,079,300, and 485,686 filed Feb. 27, 1990, now abandoned. Gel impregnated in a matrix is disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,690,831 and 4,865,905. The details of each of the foregoing references are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 11, 13 and 14 as follows.

1. (Amended) A sealable connector, comprising:
 - a first connector portion;
 - a second connector portion adapted to engage the first connector portion;
 - a compliant material disposed between the first and second connector portions; and
 - a fastening mechanism that secures the first connector portion to the second connector portion, such that a force applied upon the compliant material by the respective first and second connector portions can be adjusted in incremental pre-set positions.
2. (Amended) A sealable connector, comprising:
 - a first connector portion;
 - a second connector portion adapted to engage the first connector portion;
 - a compliant material disposed between the first and second connector portions; and
 - an adjustable fastening mechanism that secures the first connector portion to the second connector portion, the fastening mechanism including means for adjusting a force in